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Newhaven is a fishing village and haven adjoining and incorporated within the municipal bounds of Leith. James IV. launched here the "Great Michael," and sought to make the "New Haven of Grace" the trading rival of the neighbouring port. It is still resorted to for fish dinners; and its principal street preserves many of the "forestairs" and other quaint features which have made it beloved of artists. The Newhaven fishwives retain the picturesque costume which, along with many of the costumes and traits of character and physique of the community, is supposed to have descended to them from a Dutch or Frisian ancestry.

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